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Response to First Office Action after RCE mailed 03/10/2005 [46 pages].

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| <b>Applicant:</b>   | <u>Lirio Quintero</u>   | <b>Group Art Unit:</b>   | <u>1712</u>         |
| <b>Serial No.:</b>  | <u>10/023,273</u>   | <b>Examiner:</b>         | <u>P. Tucker</u>    |
| <b>Filing Date:</b> | <u>12/14/2001</u>   | <b>Atty. Docket No.:</b> | <u>154-26969-US</u> |
| <b>Title:</b>       | <u>Surfactant-Polymer Composition for Substantially Solid-Free Water Based<br/>Drilling, Drill-in and Completion Fluids</u> |                          |                     |

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of:               | § | Group Art Unit:          | 1712 |
| Lirio Quintero                      | § |                          |      |
|                                     | § |                          |      |
| Serial No.: 10/023,273              | § |                          |      |
|                                     | § | Examiner: Tucker, P.     |      |
| Filed: December 14, 2001            | § |                          |      |
|                                     | § |                          |      |
| For: Surfactant-Polymer Composition | § |                          |      |
| for Substantially Solid-Free Water  | § | Atty. Docket: B154-26969 |      |
| Based Drilling, Drill-in and        | § |                          |      |
| Completion Fluids                   | § |                          |      |

**AMENDMENT and ARGUMENT**  
**IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 10, 2005**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action after RCE mailed March 10, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests that the examiner amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 43 of this paper.